NEXATION.

POINT ONE WAY IN THE CUBAN MIND-

THE MEANING OF THE ONE STAR

FROM A STAFF CORRESPONDENT OF THE TRIBUNE.

Tampa, May 6.-The future of Cuba is already

engaging the serious attention of the enlight-

ened Cubans both on the Island and in this

dready regarded as certain to involve the end

of Spanish misrule, but the years to come

Tampa is at present an excellent place to sound

the feeling of Cubans on this subject. There

in this country for some time and are most pro-

ounced in their sympathy with it, but leaders

eat republic. Cubans here, however, who con

eriodical in the independent country.

GRATITUDE FOR PAST FRIENDSHIP.

long been the hope of Cuban patriots, and from

from outside the island to the various revolutions.

all-important, even while the Government

massing of great flests and armies, will natu-

make citizenship in her a possession of

pride to nearly every Cuban. As a republic

ne of the most powerful lands of the world.

This sentiment is one that appeals particularly

THE MEANING OF THE SINGLE STAR.

of his ambition to have it transferred to the

walt as certain, since the developments of the

they ask. Some think that for a certain period

Cuba will retain her separate existence. After

allen population and allen legislators, as to the

interests of Louislana growers of sugar and

rapid-fire guns she looks like a saucy little fighter

patch boat in service between the New-England

The Lancaster is practically ready for sea. There

Lebanon was floated from the drydock this

rnoon. As soon as the dock can be made ready Southery will enter it for extensive repairs and

ARMOR FOR THE NEW BATTLE-SHIPS.

Washington, May 10 (Special).-The Navy Depart-

ment to-day advertised for 7,700 tons of Harveyized

armor for the battle-ships Illinois, Alabama and Wisconsin, which are rapidly approaching comple-

years ago, the delay having been caused by the ex-

cost per ton. There are only two concerns in the

INSPECTING THE VAMOOSE

With three members of the Naval Examining

Board as passengers, Frank T. Morrill's fast yacht

Vamoose hauled out from Manning's Basin, No. 1,

at Twenty-sixth-st., South Brooklyn, yesterday afat I wenty-situates to Sandy Hook. The Vamoose is probably the speedlest craft in these waters, and may be purchased by the Government. Captain William A. Tressy, of the yacht Buccaneer, was also a passenger on the trial trip.

PRISONERS OF WAR AT ATLANTA.

country which can undertake the contract

hody of the Cubans of to-day.

here has come nearly all the aid contributed

annexation will come.

stronger Government

favor of annexation.

gathered here not only those who have lived

Not the immediate future, as that is

THE BRATSBERG AND THE MIGUEL JOVER WILL GO FREE.

BLOCKADING SQUADRON'S FIRST CAPTURE, THE BUENA VENTURA, LIKELY TO BE CON

DEMNED-DECISIONS FOON.

West, Fla., May 10.-The Norwegian steamer Bratsberg, which was brought into this harbor late last night by the Mangrove, will not be held as a prize. The Prize Commissioners, after carefully considering the facts in the case, decided to-day that there was not sufficient evidence on which to hold her. Their report, which will be submitted to the District Court this week, will doubtless be accepted and the

vessel released. The capture of the Bratsberg was effected by the Newport a few miles off Havana yesterday morning while she was seeking to enter the blockaded harbor. About two weeks ago the Bratsberg, laden with cattle, made an effort to reach Havana. She was seen by the squadron and warned that her cargo was contraband, and that the rules of war precluded her entrance into the harbor. Accordingly, the captain headed his ship for this port, where a part of the cargo was sold. A few days later he left here, and, it is said, sold the rest of the cattle in Progreso, Mexico. When caught, the vessel was light and the captain declared that he had not landed anything in Havana. He also gave a reason for his desire to enter the harbor of

The Prize Commissioners have decided to rec-Jover is one of the finest vessels captured by Machias, which had been called up by the firing, the blockading squadron, and her release means took a hand in the game with her 4-inch rifles. the loss of nearly \$700,000 to her captors. . The Machias tossed several shells over the low

Buena Ventura, the first ship taken, has been sheltered. It was impossible to see whether held to be a lawful prize. Judge Locke, of the any of these landed, but the Winslow was not United States District Court, who will hear and touched. She says, however, that she knocked pass on the prize cases, is expected here to- a few splinters out of the larger coastguard morrow, and it is believed that he will have boat. adjudicated all the cases now in hand by May 20. The most important result of the Winslow's

yesterday. She had a crew of six men.

SUFFERING ON THE PRIZES.

RED CROSS FINDS WORK TO DO IN KEY WEST HARBOR

FOOD AND FRESH WATER SUPPLIED TO MEN ON CAPTURED FISHING SMACES-A LAW THAT OPERATES CRUELLY.

IBY TELEGRAPH TO THE TRIBUNE.]

American Red Cross who left New-York with the idea of succoring the starving reconcentrados in Cuba have found an excellent field for their labors here in Key West, where there the dunes along the sand spit, for the Winslow are nearly two hundred Spaniards, mostly fish- was allowed to feel her way into the harbor, ermen, prisoners on vessels captured while run- taking notes of changed buoys and false marks ning the blockade, and without means of sublived on fish since they were captured, and none the mangrove clumps along one of the inlets, of them have had a chance to obtain food, as and a 6-pound shell screeched out of the bushes. under the law they are not permitted to leave | Crack came another from the shelter of a tiny their vessels. The naval officers here have no key in the bay, and a third from further authority to supply the captives with food from the coast. Then three coastguard boats of authority to supply the captives with food from the ships in the harbor, so their lot is far from being enviable.

When Miss Clara Barton received word of their plight she sent Dr. Egan, the chief medical officer of the expedition, with several attendants, around among the fleet of prizes to distribute food. On one of the larger smacks Dr. Egan found that the crew had had noth- a ing but fish to eat for several days. The well the boat, in which there were hundreds of Hee fish, contained also a large number of dead ones, which were putrified and were rapidly polluting the living ones. The physician immediately ordered the dead fish removed and fresh water pumped into the well. He then furnished bread, potatoes and sait meat to the crew, so that the continuity of Friday diet

When the prize cases are settled the Government will care for and feed the men taken on

might be changed.

· THE STRATHDEE WARNED OFF.

Copyright, 1898, by the Associated Press. On Board the Associated Press Dispatch-boat Kate Spencer, off Cardenas, May 9, via Key West, Fla., May 10.-The British tramp steamer Strathdee, Captain Currie, attempted to run the blockade yesterday, but was overhauled by the Kate Spencer, off Havana, May 8, via Key gunboat Machias. The captain of the Strathdee said the vessel was loaded with sugar, and that he had on board a number of Spanish refugees from Sagua la Grande. He also said the steamer was bound for Matanzas, where it was desired to disembark some of the refugees. The commander of the Machias was sceptical of this story, however, and warned the captain of the Strathdee that if he attempted to take the ves- flag and the Fulton returned the salute. The sel into Matanzas she would be fired on, where- Mayflower than signalled to the other ships, and upon he put about and stewmed away in the direction of New-York.

CHAPLAIN CHIDWICK'S ILLNESS.

John P. Chidwick, who was sent to a hospital spanish refugees, who crowded up to the rails. here yesterday, suffering from erysipelas, was reported to-day as being somewhat improved. His ailment is not considered at all serious, and his physicians say he will be confined to his bed

FEARS FOR SAFETY OF WATERWORKS. BLOWN UP AND THE CITY BET ON FIRE.

San Francisco, May 16 .- All the reservoirs and exposed vital properties of the Spring Valley Water- probably bound for Vera Cruz, Mexico. works, which supplies San Francisco with water, worse, which supplies are guarded spaints treachery from a foreign fee by an armed patrol, which watches day and night. It is feared that attempts may be made to blow up the reservoirs with dynamite and then set fire

hast returned from New-York last night, accompa-nied by Major Burbank, of the United States Army, who is stationed at the National Guard head-

Replying to a question as to the dispatch of six

Replying to a question as to the dispatch of six regiments from the State camps southward in response to the order received from Washington, the Adultant-General said:

"I do not know yet what six regiments will be selected as the first to leave the State, and I donot whether the names of the regiments selected will be made public to-might. I think the news will be made public to-morrow. The military authorities of this State will have no part in the selection of the special regiments; that will be decided by the recruiting officer of the United States."

Apparently the regiments which will be selected to go will be those having the largest proportion of columbers already sworn in, for the United States in a hurry to secure the regiments.

FLAGSHIP OF A MOSQUITO FLEET. Washington, May 10 (Special) .- The Navy Department yesterday secured the powerful ocean-going tug Brown, built on the great lakes by F. Wheeler at Bay City, Mich. and intended for ser-vice at New-Orleans. The Brown is the finest tug yet purchased purchased for the auxiliary mayy. She is brand-new, and was on her way from the lakes to the Atlantic when she was secured. She was delivered at Portsmouth N. H., to-day, where she will be fitted with rapid-fire guns and assigned as flagship of the New-England mosquito fleet.

PREFER TO GO TO THE FRONT. Concord, N. H., May 10.-The population of Camp Ramsdell last night was 1.125 men, and each and all were sorry at the decision of the War Departmen to assign the State's quota to coast defence and shore duty. All are analous to go to the front. The physical examination and mustering in are proceeding rapidly. President Tucker of Darthouth College, visited the college recruits yesterday afternoon.

HYGIENE OF THE MOUTH AND STOMACH.

The great importance of attention to the Hygiene of the mouth and stomach is insisted upon by the Medical Profession. No better means can be adopted than the regular use of about a wineglassful of "Apenta" Water on first rising in the morning.

The mouth should be rinsed with it before drinking.

APENTA"

THE BEST LAXATIVE OF ALL DRUGGISTS AND MINERAL WATER DEALERS.

THE WINSLOW'S ADVENTURE. SPANIARDS BUSY AS ANTS.

CHASED OUT OF CARDENAS HARBOR BY SAND BATTERIES SPRING UP BY NIGHT THREE SPANISH GUNBOATS.

HER PURSUERS, HOWEVER, WERE CHECKMATED

BY THE MACHIAS AND FORCED, IN TURN, TO

SHEK SHELTER-MINES IN THE BAT

On board the Associated Press dispatch-boat Kate Spencer, off Cardenas, May 9, via Key West, May 10 .- The little torpedo-boat Winslow yesterday morning precipitated a naval engagein Cuban waters. On a reconnaissance in Cardenas Harbor she drew the fire of three ommend the release of the steamer Miguel Jover. Spanish coast guard vessels, and a lively vest on the ground that she carried an American pocket sea fight followed. As the Winslow was cargo, and that the time for her departure from decidedly in the minority she ran for the open an American port had not elapsed. The Miguel sea, where her big station mate, the gunboat It is said on excellent authority that the sand spit behind which the Spanish boats were

reconnoissance was the discovery that Cardenas The Mangrove, when she brought in the Harbor is mined. If there were any batteries Bratsberg, also had in custody the fishing-smack on shore the Spaniards did not think it worth Fernandito, taken by the Vicksburg off Havana while to disclose their position. That there are mines in the channel is important, in view of the report that it is Cardenas and not Matanzas where the landing of the United States forces will finally occur.

Cardenas, however, is one of the largest bays along the coast, with the town at the southern From the western shore Icocas Point end. reaches out like a long index finger, almost touching Piedras Key light, which, in peaceful days, was a beacon at the harbor entrance. The lighthouse has been in darkness and deserted for many nights.

Feeling safe from the abandonment of the Key West, Fla., May 10.—The members of the lighthouse and the silent shores of the bay, the little Winslow crept quietly in under the early morning haze for a closer inspection of the harbor. There had evidently been a lookout among designed to lead a hostile fleet to torpedo fields. sistence. Most of these unfortunate men have Suddenly there was a puff of smoke from among the coast. Then three coastguard hoats darted from their cover under a full head of steam.

The Winsion's crew jumped to the 2-pounders fore and aft, and let the Spaniards have it port and starbeard, as they chased in. The little gunboats came along shooting, but, after the usual Spanish fashion, which never hits anything but the adjacent scenery. Then the Winsiow hastened along under four bells for the ea, using her after gun as a stern chaser boat, mounting a 12-pounder, bardment as long as the Winhind the sand spil. The man chells skipping in between the what effect could not be seen.

REFUGEES ON THE FULTON. FRENCH WARSHIP RESCUES WEALTHY SPANIARDS AS WELL AS HER

OWN PEOPLE. (Copyright, 1898, by the Associated P

On Board the Associated Press Dispatch-boat West, Fla., May 10.—The French sloop-of-war Fulton, a schoolship, passed out of Havana Harbor at about 4 o'clock yesterday afterno The American warships lying outside closed in Mayflower, temporarily flying the Admiral's pennant, passed near enough to examine her they all hauled off and gave the Frenchman a wide berth.

The Associated Press dispatch-boat ran alongside the Fulton within easy hailing distance. Key West, Fla., May 10 (Special).—Chaplain | Aboard of the French vessel were a number of Several of them were women of the wealthy class, judging from their apparel. There were doubtless some French citizens among the refugees, but the majority were unquestionably Spanish. The Kate Spencer saluted the tricolor as she passed under the Fulton's stern, and the salute was acknowledged. Some of the sailors swung their caps above their heads, but the refugees at the rails looked sullen, and made no sign. The Fulton headed west by southwest,

The officers of the blockading fleet are chagrined because the French steamer Lafayette was allowed to enter Havana Harbor last Friday, as they are convinced that she carried arms and munitions of war. But, as one of NATIONAL AUTHORITIES WILL SELECT. them remarked, "Uncle Sam can afford to be Albany, May 19 (Special).—Adjutant-General Tilling- generous, as no amount of contraband of war can help Spain now." The courtesy asked by the French Government was that the Lafayette be allowed to land 130 passengers. A vigilant watch is being kept, and when she leaves Havana she will be required to show affirmatively that her cargo is unbroken. Falling, she may yet become a subject for the prize court.

Week for Key West, in the interest of the United States Government. She will receive orders after she arrives at Key West.

April 27. Saranae April 30. Lockwood

ON CUBA'S COAST

AS PAST AS THEY ARE DISCOVERED BY THE BLOCKADING FLEET THEY ARE KNOCKED DOWN-THE HORNET FIRES AGAIN

On Board the Associated Press Dispatch-boat Kate Spencer, off Cardenas, May 9, via Key West, Fla., May 10.-The Spanish soldiers are displaying much activity along the coast from Bahia Honda, forty-five miles west of Havana, Cardenas, sixty-five miles east. As the ships of the blockading fleet have instructions to prevent the erection of new fortifications, and have at various places shelled working parties, the task of strengthening existing defences and throwing up earthworks is carried on principally at night, except in the immediate vicinity f Havana.

The narrow escape of the Vicksburg and the Morrill on Saturday, when they were decoyed within easy range of the Santa Clara batteries, just west of Morro Castle, has taught some of he unarmored ships a lesson, and it is not likely that that class of boats will venture within close range of the modern high-power guns again. But along the coast fresh sand batteries are being thrown up almost every night. As these rks are of a filmsy character, and would be educed by the fire of big guns in a few minutes. he officers of the blockading fleet believe Captain-General Blanco is wasting a good deal of works about Havana is a different thing. It In the three years' struggle this help has been light batteries, which must be abandoned as on as the serious work of the fleet begins, Bianco puts heart into his starving soldiers and imbues them with the idea that a Yankee invasion can be repelled.

The Hornet and the Winslow, now blockading Matanzas, have had a lively time for several prestige among the nations of the world, which days shelling Spaniards at work on batteries telegraph lines outside of the entrance of the harbor. There, as at other places, most of Cuba would merely be classed with a dozen the work is done at night, and each morning sees fresh earthworks thrown up like ant-hills the United States, her sons would feel part of against the rusty green of the coast line.

On Sunday morning the Hornet found a party putting up a telegraph line from the lighthouse to the Cuban mind. and signal station, a mile east of Matanzas Harto the batteries west of Point Sabantila, on Historically, there is a trend toward annexaother side of the bay. The batteries here tion that is interesting. It began half a cenare said to be of some magnitude, mounting a tury ago, before Lopez landed his first expedifew high-power guns. To stop this telegraphic tion in Cuba. At that time he adopted the activity the Hornet quietly ran in and dropped a single star as the standard of Cuba, in token shell in the midst of the workmen. They scat-tered like rabbits and the telegraph line field of the United States flag. This star he grounded then and there. Several telegraph placed not in a sky of blue, as heraldic convenparties have been discouraged in the same way at other places. It is evidently the intention of the blood out of which it should rise. He was the Spaniards to establish communication with right enough in his prediction. A Massachusetts wire. Hereafter they will probably carry their carried by Lopez on his expedition. This ventwires behind the first range of hills, where they ure proved a failure, and so did his next one, will be less subject to sudden interruption. It is , but the fing is soon to float over Cuba's capital. not possible that there are encuch heavy gunk. The single star, as the type of annexation, is at the command of the Spanfards to mount for more than the mere idea of Lopez. It was them in all the new sand batteries springing up, adopted in the beginning of the three years' them in all the new sand batteries springing up. adopted in the bestinning of the time year, in the heavy swell past Piedras Keys.

them in all the new sand batteries springing up. adopted in the bestinning of the time year. The property clearly clear them in all the new sand batteries springing up. adopted in the bestinning of the time year. The property clear them in all the new sand batteries springing up. adopted in the bestinning of the time year. tanzas quite close to the coast, the authorities lits significance was made entirely clear. Cermay really delude themselves with the idea that | tainly this is important evidence that the hope they can transport heavy guns to the batteries; of the adventurer Lopez is shared by a great

BISHOP POTTER PRESIDES AT A MEETING OF THE

Bishop Potter, chairman of the National Red last week. What better precedent could be decross Relief Committee, presided at a special meet- sired for the annexation of their own island? ing of the committee yesterday in the rooms of the Chamber of Commerce. A resolution providing that all contributed supplies approved by the officials of the Red Cross be accepted was adopted. | a few years, if she makes the advances, this The nature of acceptable supplies was embedded in country can take her in without stultifying the resolution, and information on the subject will herself, Cubans say, in spite of the final paraof the Woman's Committee, No. 614 Madison-ave. historical objections, as to the addition of an The preparation of surgical supplies and the pur-chase of medicines will be confined strictly to the ers of the organization, to avoid all possibility | Virginia and Connecticut raisers of tobacco, as

onfer with the President and necessary authorities was augmented by the addition of Dishop Potties was augmented by the addition of lithop Potter and Alexander E. Orr. The other members of
this committee are Levi P. Morton, William P.
Wardwell, Dr. A. M. Lesser, Dr. George F. Shrady
and T. Gallhard Thomas. Dr. Felix Adler was
added to the Committee of Twenty-flya.

The treasurer announced the receipt of the first
check from the firm of Arnold, Constable & Ca.
and said it was for the sum of E.50.

SIGNAL SERVICE LINES COMPLETED. signal service is now in thorough working order Signal Corps men of the Naval Reserve are on duty day and night in the signal of the Naval Reserve are on duty

day and night in the signal stations at Montauk, Ouegue and Fire Island, and communication can Quogue and Fire Island, and communication can be had at any time between the mosquito fleet patrolling the const and New York.

Lieutenant William G Miller, U. S. N., a son of Colonel Miller, U. S. A., retired, commands the Oneida, which, it is thought, will be used as a distrolling the coast and New-York.

When a vessel of the flect has a message

municate to the War Department the vessel signals nearest signal station and the message is sent in station to station by flags in the day time lanterns at night, until it is received at Fire-ind, when it is transmitted by telegraph to New-k headquarters. The Life-Saving crews, who are usually relieved the duty at this season of the year, will remain duty all summer if the war continues. The Life-

WRECKING STEAMER CALLED TO KEY WEST Captain Kirky, of the Merritt-Chapman wrecking steamer William E. Chapman, said yesterday that his vessel would sail the latter part of this

SPANISH VESSELS CAPTURED UP TO EVENING OF MAY 9.

Date. Name. Class.	Tonnage.	Value.	Captor.	Lading.	From.	To.
			Nashville	Lumber	Sierra Morens	Cardenas.
		150,000	New-York	Provisions	Pascagouia	Rotterdam.
		15,000	Porter	Rum	Antwerp	Pensacola.
		400,000	Helena	Cotton	New-Orleans	Harcelong.
		400,000	Detroit	Stavez	New Orleans	Barcelona,
		4795.1887	Winona.	. Lumber.	. Sugar	. Pensacola.
April 24 Sofia Schooner	234	12.000	Porter		Counter	
April 24 Solla		Management & A.A.	Terror	Sugar	Cuarter	
April 24 Canelita Schoner	-	7,000	Wilmington.		Coaster	****
April 24. Tres Mermanas Schomer		-	Terror	Sugar	Cardenas	Havana.
April 24. Tres dermanas Steamer	2,065	-	Mangrove	Provinces	New York	Havana.
April 25. PanamaSteamer			Newport		Coaster	****
April 26. Paquete Sloop April 26. Septembre Scheoner	0 0 0 0	-	Helena	Flah	Conster	***
April 20 Septembre Schooler	-		Newport		Coaster	
April 26 Pireneo Schooner			Terror	.Bananas	Port Limon	Havana
April 27 Bolivar Steamer	4.000	400,000	Terror	Provisions	Corunna	Havana.
			Newport	Fish	Conster	
			Delphin	.Fish	Conster	Havana.
			Naghville	War supplies	Ratabano	Clenfuegos
April 29 Argunguta Steamer	30000		Forite	Fruit	Coaster	Havana.
May 1. Mascota Schooner			Newport	Fish	.Coaster	Havana.
		-	Helena	Fish	. Yucatan	Havana.
			Uneas	Fish	.Coaster	
			Mantenmary.	Heof.	.Montevideo	Havana
			Montgomery	Benf	.Barcelona	Havana.
	100		Newtort	Fish	.Havana	****
			Newport	Fish		
			Mandater	Fish	. Yucatan	Havana
			Viele aburer	Fish	Yucatan	Havana.
			Dolphin			
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WHAT WILL BECOME OF CUBA FLYING SQUADRON QUIET.

VESSELS SECURING FULL COAL SUPPLY. CUBAN SENTIMENT IN FAVOR OF AN-

RATITUDE AND BUSINESS CONSIDERATIONS

AMMUNITION FOR AUXILIARY CRUISERS-LEAKS OF INFORMATION TO BE STOPPED.

[at thlessaph to the thieune.] Newport News, Va., May 10.—Another quiet day was spent by the Flying Squadron at Old Point Comfort. Now it is known as the "Coaling Squadron." Parges have been alongside all of the ships, replenishing their bunkers, and quick work has been done on the New-Orleans this afternoon at 3 o'clock, and dropped down to Old Point Comfort, after taking on the last of her supply of coal. The full strength of the Flying Squadron is once again gathered under Comfort, ready to sail when the word comes.

The cruiser St. Paul came further up the

who have fought until recently and have had Roads this morning, and is now anchored off w dealings with the people of the United the city, taking on coal. Captain Sigsbee did States Of course, there is no unanimity of not join his ship until late last night. He left sentiment, but so for as can be judged the the St. Paul at Delaware Breakwater, put weight of opinion is that Cuba will be added to ashore, and came down to Old Point Comfort by the land that is to make her free. The terms rail. He spent the evening making arrangeof the resolution which enpowered President ments here for coaling his ship, and returned to McKinley to intervene in the struggle are not Old Point Comfort at a late hour. The cruiser overlooked in making forecasts, nor do the Cuwas brought down in command of the executive bans who have been long in the United States and will remain until to-morrow night at least disregard the widespread and deeply rooted feeling against territorial expansion. Their belief When the St. Paul passed the Minneapolis is that in time, and in no very long time, either, this morning the sailors on the man-of-war went wild with enthusiasm, and cheered the graceful First to be considered is the attitude of Cuba herself. Undoubtedly when order is established ing the special Adams Express train, over the there will be ambitious generals who will seek Pennsylvania road, carrying two cars loaded lvil preferment, and will strive for a permawith ammunition for the cruiser Yosemite, ar-

rived at the shippard from Jersey City. The sider themselves good judges of the sentiment train left Jersey City at 7:40 o'clock last night, of their countrymen, believe that the greater and ran into Newport News without having part of them will desire no such thing. The exmade a stop. The average speed made on the erience of South and Central American counrun was sixty miles an hour. makes it likely that revolutions will be More ammunition for the cruiser Dixle will follow to-morrow. The Yosemite is still awaitmercantile classes will especially desire the staing orders. She has steam up and may sail at dility that control from Washington would seany time. The Maryland Reserves for the Dixle ture. Of course, to producers of sugar and toarrived at the shippard to-day from the rebacco, the uplifting of the United States tariff eiving ship Franklin. The marines will arrive would be of incalculable value. All trade con-

The British steamship Antilia, Captain Monditions would be better under the larger and tell, arrived here this morning from Nassau, with passengers, on her way to New-York. On entering the Capes last night the Antilla was chased by the cruiser St. Paul, which made for There are also strong sentimental reasons in

Cape Henry at the same time.

On coming alongside, after entering the Capes, the cruiser proceeded, and the steamer came up this morning. She started for New-York this afternoon. Captain Montell reports passing no steam vessels of any kind on his voyage. The Pennsylvania batteries which are to e as a defence to the shipyard will arrive

in the morning.
Commodore Schley, it is understood, is mak ing an effort to ascertain from whom the news-paper men are obtaining all of their information about the movements of warships and inside matters that are not supposed to be for pubthe present intervention, involving as it does the inevitable success of the United States in The rallway and telegraph have been warned about giving out informathe war with Spain will give her an additional

> THE COAST PATROL FLEET. ADMIRAL ERBEN HOPES TO HAVE SOME NEWLY

Rear-Admiral Erben, who is in command of the aval defence system from Eastport, Me., to San went to Boston yesterday to arrange with the commander of the Second District patrol fleet in regard to the vessels to be used in patrolling the New-England coast, and particularly Boston Harbor. the East Boston and the Governor Russell, have been armed with 6-pounders and put in commison to defend the harbor where the tea was thrown overboard. for the inspection of some other vessels there be fore he returns to-day. He has also arranged for a Board of Inspection to look at some vessels in Chesapeake Bay

No reply was received at Admiral Erben's office yesterday to the dispatch asking to have four of the yachts added to the auxiliary fleet put at his tion would dictate, but in one of red, to signify all their coast blockhouses and batteries by woman made the first Cuban flag, and it was service in the work of patrolling the harbor of

Commander Field was arranging yesterday for putting the yacht Free Lance on patrol duty. She will probably have her supplies aboard to-day, and will then go down the Bay and relieve the tugs stationed at Sandy Hook. It is hoped that George J. Gould's yacht, the Atalanta, which has been se-J. Gould's yacht, the Atalanta, which has been se-cured by the Government, will be used for patrol duty. Howard Gould's yacht, the Niagara, may also be used for the same purpose. The Naval Auxiliary Board arranged yesterday for the inspection of the Scindia, of the Anchor Line, but, owing to the lack of a holler expert to examine her boilers, her inspection was deferred until to-day. She is 255 feet long, 66 feet beam and to view the situation. Of course, it will take nexation. On this score Cubans are as confident as they are of the feeling of their own countrymen. They regard the admission of Ha-

nds of the Board.

aprain Rodgers returned from Washington and

numed work with the Board yesterday. TUO W. H. BROWN TO BE A GUNBOAT. ALL LIGHTS AND STORM SIGNALS EXTINGUISHED

Portsmouth, N. H., May 10.-The tug W. H. Brown was turned over to the Government at the Navy Yard this morning to be converted into an auxiliary gunboat. The work will be done at the card here. The Brown is 156 feet long, has steel masts and fillings and a complete electric outfit.

pleted.
The United States inspector of the First Light-house District has ordered all lights and storm signals discontinued in this harbor until the

Florida Strait, renders of The Tribune can CRUISER HAS SEEN NO TORPEDO-BOATS. judge for themselves. Be that as it may, Cu- THE SAN FRANCISCO DISCREDITS THE STORY OF A WARREN LINE CAPTAIN

> Provincetown, Mass., May 16 -The United States cruiser San Francisco, after an all-night coast cruise, came into port here at 7 o'clock this morning She reports that she saw nothing of the supposed Spanish torpedo-boat, reported 600 miles out from Boston, by the capitain of the Warren Line steamer Roman yesterday.

ORDERED TO COMMAND THE BUFFALO.

Washington, May 16.-Commander William M. Hemphill, who has recently had charge of the re-cruiting branch of the Bureau of Navigation, Navy Department, has been ordered to hold himself in readiness to take command of the cruiser Buffalo, formerly the Nictherov, of the Brazilian Navy, now on her way from Bahia to the United States.

SHIPPING COMMISSIONER'S FORCE CUT.

United States Shipping Commissioner Hickey has decided to suspend part of his office force owing o the fact that the war has materially reduced the work of shipping American satiors. Nearly all the work of shipping American sailors. Nearly all of the large lines flying the American flag have suspended service from this port, and, as a result, there is little work in the Commissioner's office. The suspensions will take effect on May 15, and are for an indefinite period.

Among those who will be suspended are Chief Deputy Joseph P. Keegan, Cashier Michael Spellman, and J. McChurk, Gustave Baer, Charles J. Harvey, M. J. Crulse and C. H. R. Woodward, deputy shipping commissioners. This will reduce the force to four men, in addition to the Commissioner.

tion at Newport News, Philadelphia and San Fran-cisco. Work on the armor for these vessels under ordinary circumstances should have been begun two SECOND BATTALION RESERVES AFLOAT. Thirty members of the 2d Battalion, Naval Reserves, in white duck working clothes and with bags and hammocks over their shoulders, left their headquarters in the old armory of the 13th Regithese are expected to submit their bids within a week, dividing the work between them at a reasonable price, which has already been practically agreed to by the Navy Department officials. ment, Flatbush-ave, and Hanson Place, Brooklyn, yesterday afternoon, and took trolley-cars that landed them at Manning's Basin No. 3, at the end of Columbia-st.

There they boarded Alfred Carr's eighteen-knot-There they boarded Alfred Carr's eighteen-knot-yacht Llewellym, and at 7 o'clock last evening sailed away, under command of Chief Boatswain's Mate "Ed" Fish, to join the rosquito fleet now parrolling the harbor. The men were joyous over getting rid of the humdrum drills on shore, and the prospect of even a small taste of sea breezes. Be-hind them at the armory they left 155 jealous com-rades of Commander William H. Stayton's sailors. The tug Daizell started yesterday for a twenty-four-hour cruise off Sandy Hook.

VOLUNTEERS NO MATCH FOR COLLEGIANS. Concord, N. H., May 10.-The entire regiment of Atlanta, May 10 .- Sixteen Spanish prisoners of nine officers and the remainder privates and the 1st New-Hampshire Volunteers will have been mustered into the United States service by Thursnon-commissioned officers, arrived Sunday night under guard of a detail of negro soldiers from the non-commissioned officers, arrived Sunday night under guard of a detail of negro soldiers from the Eith Regiment and were placed in the military prison at Fort McPherson.

The Spaniards were captured in Cuban waters several days ago by the Nashville, and they were held in custody at Key West until orders were months. The grounds are guarded against spies siven to bring them to Atlanta.

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TROOP SHIPS CHARTERED.

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ALL LARGE VESSELS ESPECIALLY SUITABLE PO THE TRANSPORTATION OF SOLDIERS-THE

WORK OF OVERHAULING SOME OF THE CRAFT ALREADY BEGUN.

In accordance with the orders from Washington of large numbers of troops to Cuba, as exclusively announced in The Tribune on Saturday, ten large vessels were chartered in this city yesterday and ten others obtained at other ports, make up a fleet of thirty large troopships, which will begin to ply between Port Tampa and the selected landing Cuba the latter part of this week. It is thought that in three trips these vessels can convey the entire invading army of fifty thousand men across the Florida Straits. It was hoped to obtain fift. vessels, but owing to the demands made by the Navy Department for ships the available n had been diminished, and it was decided to take the roops to Cuba in three parties instead of two The vessels chartered yesterday were seven of the

Ward Line steamships are the Vigilancia, 4.115 tons the Seguranca, same tonnage; the Seneca, 2,923 tons; the Saratoga, 2.820 tons; the City of Washington, 2.683 tons; the Santiago, 2.359 tons, and the Yucatan, 3,525 tons. The Mallory liners are the Leona, 3,329 tons; the Concho, 3,724 tons, and the Rio Grande, 2,566 tons. Options were secured or some other vessels, but it is not certain that they will be taken, and they will not be unless it is deemed absolutely necessary. Among them are four of the Clyde Line of steamships. Most of the chartered vessels have been lying in

the Eric Basin since the regular trips of the lines were suspended by reason of the outbreak of hos-The Saratoga, the Seneca and the City of Washington were at the East River plers of the Ward Line yesterday being overhauled and coaled. The Yucatan was in drydock being scraped and painted. The vessels chartered are all expected to sail for Tampa as soon as they can be coaled and furnished with provisions. They are to carry among them four thousand tons of subsistence supplies. All are chartered for twenty days, and they will call at Key West for orders. expected that any of the troops ordered to Tampa will go on them.

Of the Clyde Liners the Cherokee and the Iroquois are lying in the Erie Basin, ready for the Government use, if they are taken. The Government has chartered vessels available for use in all Southern ports, some to go to Mobile, New-Orleans and Galveston, to carry troops from these points. The facts learned in regard to these and vessels chartered to cross the Pacific were as follows:

of the Lone Star Line, received a telegram at 8 p. m. yesterday, saying that the Matteawan, Cap-tain James T. Lewis, would sail from Pensacola for Mobile at daybreak to-day. The Matteawan has a gross tonnage of 3,300 and carries a crew of thirty men. She was built in 1893, and rebuilt two years ago. She is capitally constructed for the transportation of cavalry, having nineteen inches of ventilation, although the law requires but eighteen inches. She runs ordinarily between New-York and Galveston, but recently carried a load of steel rails from Baltimore to Pensacola.

The City of Sydney, another of the vessels chartered by the Government, is said to be at San Fran-Company and the Southern Pacific Railread Com

The Australia, owned by Claus Spreckels, which used to run between San Francisco and Honolulu, recently went to Tacoma.

Bids will be opened in the Army Building on Thursday and Friday for the transportation of all the troops ordered South from New-York, New-Jersey and New-England. They include one infantry regiment from Massachusetts, one from New-Jersey and four from this State, to go to Camp George H. Thomas, Chickamaiga Park, one regiment from Massachusetts, one from New-Jersey and two from this State, to go to Washington. Transportation will be furnished as soon as desired by General Merritt for the removal to such points as he may designate of the Connecticut troops, including one regiment of infantry, two batteries of heavy artillery and one battery of light artillery one regiment of infantry and one battery of heavy artillery from Maine; one regiment of infantry from New-Jersey, one from Rhode Island; six regiments of infantry and two troops of cavalry from New-York; the regiments of infantry two batteries of light artillery and two troops of cavalry from Pennsylvania, one regiment of infantry from Delaware; one from Virginia and one battalion and one regiment from North Carolina.

Awards were made yesterday for 60,000 Army blouses, 80,000 pairs of drawers and 100,000 undershirts. Bids will be received at the Army Building to-morrow for 150,000 canvas suits of the pattern approved by General Miles.

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ceived at the Army Building to-morrow for isolate canvas suits of the pattern approved by General Miles.

Of the Regular Army forces stationed in the Department of the East. Battery E. 2d Artillery, has been transferred from Fort Preble to Portland Head. Battery D. of the 1th, from Fort Slocum to Port land Head; Battery E. of the 7th, from Fort Slocum to Portland Head; Battery E. of the 7th, from Fort Slocum to Fort Preble and Major John P. Story, of the 1th, has been assigned to command at all the defences in Portland Harbor. Battery M. 2d Artillery, has been sent from Fort Warren, Massachusetts, to Grover's Cliff. Massachusetts, to Grover's Cliff. Massachusetts, from Fort Slocum to the same place, and Battery G. of the 7th, from Fort Slocum to Fort Warren. Major Charles Morris, of the 7th, has been put in command at Grover's Cliff.

Major Carle A. Woodruft, of the 2d Artillery, has been assigned to command all the defences of Boston Harbor. Battery H. 7th Artillery, has been sent from Fort Slocum to Fort Adams, Rhode Island. Battery A. 7th Artillery, to Dutch Island, Battery A. 7th Artillery, to Dutch Island, Battery A. 7th Artillery, to Dutch Island, Battery A. 7th Artillery, have been transferred from Fort Slocum to Willets Point, and transferred from Fort Slocum to Willets Point, and thousand dry travelling rations stored in this city ready for troops to take with them South. The rations consist of hard bread, baked beans, corned beef in cans and coffee.

THE TANKEE SUFFERS AN ACCIDENT. COMPELLED TO RETURN TO HER ANCHORAGE BY THE BREAKING OF A RUDDER CHAIN.

The auxiliary cruiser Yankee left her anchorage, off Clifton, Staten Island, yesterday afternoon, and proceeded down the Bay almost to Sandy Hook, then she put about and headed for the North Atlantic anchorage ground, off Tompkinsville.

As she passed up the channel just below the Narrows it was apparent that the vessel was in trouble, as she yawed about, apparently unable to keep under proper steerage way. A number of towboats and other small craft kept her company until she dropped anchor almost in mid stream between Fort Wadsworth and Fort Lafayette, on the Long Island shore. It was evident that she was unable to proceed to her former anchorage, but answers to all questions as to the cause of the trouble were re-

Several of the Yankee's crew went ashore at Staten Island yesterday afternoon and proceeded Staten Island yesterday afternoon and proceeded to New-York. From them it was learned that while passing out on her way to the lower Bay the outboard starboard rudder chain of the cruiser broke off short, making the steering gear of the vessel almost useless. The vessel proceeded under her own steam, and when she came to anchor a diver was sent over the side to examine the steering gear. It was thought that the outboard end of the chain, which had dropped down, might have become wound around the shaft near the propeller. In this case the Yankee may be compelled to return to the Navy Yard to have it removed.

No cause was assigned for the breaking of the chain, except that in coming about the rudder might have been thrown over too hard and the chain, being unable to stand the strain, snapped off.

Newburg, N. Y., May 10.-The Laffin & Rand powder works, near here, have begun work on a big Government order, after being closed several by seventeen armed men.